



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT – (FIFTH SESSION)

THE SENATE

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 AT 2.30 PM

1. The Senate assembled at thirty Minutes past Two O'clock.
2. The proceedings were opened with Prayer said by the Speaker.
3. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

The Speaker, having counted the Honourable Senators present at the commencement of the sitting and confirming that there was no Quorum, directed that the bell be rung for ten minutes, pursuant to Standing Order 40;

And there being a Quorum before the expiry of the ten minutes;

The Speaker invited the Clerk to call the Orders of the day.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Speaker conveyed the following Communications from the Chair –

(a) Visiting delegation participating in the Senate internship programme

“Hon. Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence, in the Speaker's Gallery this afternoon, of 10 young men and women who are undertaking an internship programme in the Senate.

Hon. Senators, the objective of this programme is to provide young people with first-hand experience in the legislative process, and to expose them to the intricate world of public policy and public service. I request the interns to stand, so that you may be acknowledged in the usual Senate tradition. You

may stand as a group. Now, on behalf of the Senate and my own behalf, I wish you well during the programme and in your future endeavours. You may be seated.”

(b) Visiting delegation from Baraka Comprehensive School, Nairobi County

“Hon. Senators,

I would also wish to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of five teachers and 150 students from Baraka Comprehensive School in Nairobi County, who are seated in the public gallery this afternoon.

The delegation is visiting the Senate for an academic exposition. On behalf of the Senate and my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish them a fruitful visit.”

(c) Visiting delegation from Lily Academy School, Kiambu County

“Hon. Senators,

I also wish to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of nine teachers and 130 students from Lily Academy School in Kiambu County, who are seated in the public gallery.

The delegation is visiting the Senate for an academic exposition. On behalf of the Senate and my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to them and wish them a fruitful visit.”

(d) Visiting delegation from Mary Leakey Girls School, Kiambu County

“Hon. Senators,

Further, I would like to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of six teachers and 117 students from Mary Leakey Girls School in Kiambu County, who are seated in the public gallery this afternoon.

The delegation is visiting the Senate for an academic exposition. Now, on behalf of the Senate and my own behalf, I extend a warm welcome to the delegation and wish a fruitful visit.”

(e) Visiting delegation from Gethsemane Christian Academy, Mfangano Island

Hon. Senators,

I would like to acknowledge the presence of a visiting delegation of six teachers and 50 students from Gethsemane Christian Academy, Mfangano Island, in Homa Bay County, who are seated in the public gallery. The delegation is visiting the Senate for an academic exposition. On behalf of the Senate, and on my own behalf, I extend a very warm welcome to the delegation that is coming from a very far county, Hom Bay County, and I wish them a very fruitful visit.

I thank you”

(f) Use of unparliamentarily language by Sen. Okiya Omtatah, MP

“Honourable Senators,

As you will recall, during the afternoon sitting of the Senate held on Wednesday, 9th September, 2026, while commenting on the Statement sought by the Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP), regarding the living conditions of refugees at the Kakuma Refugee Camp and across the country, the Senator for Busia County (Sen. Okiya Omtatah, MP) stated as follows –

“.....The roadside pronouncements by the President first of all violated the Constitution, Article 135; that does not allow the President to go yapping around and saying things that have not been approved.....”

Pursuant to Standing Order 101, the Senator for Nandi County (Sen. Samson Cherarkey, MP) rose on a point of order drawing the attention of the Speaker to Sen. Omtatah’s use of unparliamentary language. In the point of order, Sen. Cherarkey argued that the use of the word “yapping” was unparliamentary and inappropriate with reference to His Excellency the President. In support of the point of order, the Senator for Mombasa County (Sen. Mohamed Faki, MP) submitted that the word “yapping” was unparliamentary. The Senator referred to the google dictionary definition of the term as talking too much about unimportant, trivial and uninteresting things.

Standing Order 101 (3) states-

“It shall be out of order to use offensive or insulting language whether in respect of Senators or other persons.”

Guided by the foregoing provision, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Abdul Haji, MP) considered the point of order raised by Sen. Cherarkey and determined that the use of the word “yapping” was unparliamentary. He consequently directed Sen. Omtatah to withdraw the expression and substitute it with a more appropriate and parliamentary expression.

Honourable Senators,

During the course of the proceedings, and before Sen. Okiya Omtatah, MP, could comply with the direction issued by the Temporary Speaker, Sen. Mohamed Faki, MP, pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker to the absence of quorum in the Senate. The Temporary Speaker, having counted the Senators present and confirmed that there was no quorum, caused the quorum bell to be rung for ten minutes. There being no quorum at the expiry of the ten minutes, the Temporary Speaker adjourned the Senate.

Having regard to the foregoing and noting that the proceedings were interrupted by the absence of quorum, I now invite the Senator, before the Senate proceeds with other business, to withdraw the expression. I caution the Senator that failure to comply with this direction shall amount to gross disorderly conduct within the meaning of Standing Order 122 (1) (a) and (b), and the sanctions of Standing Order 122 (2) shall apply.

I thank you.”

Thereupon, the Senator for Busia County, (Sen. Okiya Omtatah, MP) declined to withdraw the expression and apologize.

5. **SUSPENSION OF A SENATOR FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDER 122 (2) (a)**

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 122 (2) (a), the Speaker ordered the Senator for Busia County, (Sen. Okiya Omtatah, MP) to withdraw from the precincts of Parliament for three (3) consecutive sitting days, for disorderly conduct.

Thereupon, the Senator withdrew from the Chamber.

6. **PAPER LAID**

- i) Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 15th September, 2026.

(The Senate Majority Whip)

7. **NOTICE OF MOTION – ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE TO DISCUSS A DEFINITE MATTER OF URGENT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.**

(Sen. James Lomenen, MP)

THAT, pursuant to Standing Order 37 for the adjournment of the Senate to discuss a definite matter of Urgent National importance, namely, the escalating insecurity, banditry, intercommunity violence, loss of lives, displacement of families, theft of livestock and destruction of livelihoods affecting Communities in Turkana East, Turkana South, Loima and neighbouring Pokot areas, and extending to other affected parts of Northern Kenya, including West Pokot, Marakwet, Samburu, Isiolo and Marsabit Counties, where recurrent armed attacks and cattle raids continue to threaten the lives, property, livelihoods and freedom of movement of Kenyan citizens.

And there being the requisite number of Senators rising in support of the claim;

Thereupon, the Speaker nominated five o'clock, as the time when the Motion would be moved.

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENDOMETRIOSIS IN KENYA**

(Sen. Karen Nyamu, MP)

THAT, AWARE THAT Article 43(1)(a) of the Constitution guarantees every person the right to the highest attainable standard of health, including the right to healthcare services;

FURTHER AWARE THAT the Kenya Health Policy (2014–2030) and the National Reproductive Health Policy (2022–2032) provide a framework for the provision of equitable, quality and accessible reproductive health services, including addressing conditions that affect the health and wellbeing of women and girls;

COGNIZANT THAT endometriosis is a chronic gynaecological condition that can cause severe pain, infertility and other complications, with significant effects on the physical, psychological, social and economic wellbeing of women and girls;

NOTING THAT while the Ministry of Health has previously undertaken measures to strengthen endometriosis care, including establishing specialized centers, training laparoscopic surgeons, providing laparoscopic equipment and conducting public awareness initiatives, there remains a gap in the collection of reliable national data on the prevalence and burden of endometriosis, as well as in coordinated planning and delivery of comprehensive care;

CONCERNED THAT women and girls continue to face delayed diagnosis and treatment due to limited awareness, misdiagnosis, inadequate specialist capacity and unequal access to appropriate services, with specialist care concentrated in a few facilities and existing health financing arrangements requiring review to ensure equitable and affordable access to diagnosis, treatment, pain management, fertility care, psychosocial support and long-term follow-up;

NOW THEREFORE, THE SENATE RESOLVES THAT, the National Government, through the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with County Governments –

1. Develops and implements a National Endometriosis Management Framework providing for awareness, early recognition, diagnosis, referral, treatment, pain management, fertility care, psychosocial support and long-term follow-up;
2. Strengthens endometriosis services at national and county levels by establishing referral pathways, training healthcare workers, expanding specialist capacity and equipping designated referral facilities to provide comprehensive endometriosis care;
3. Establishes a national endometriosis data and research mechanism, through the Kenya Health Information System and in collaboration with the Kenya Medical Research Institute, to collect, analyze and report data on the prevalence, diagnosis, treatment and outcomes of endometriosis; and
4. Reviews and strengthens the adequacy of financing for endometriosis care under the Social Health Authority, to ensure affordable access to medically necessary diagnosis, treatment, surgery, fertility care, pain management and long-term care.

9. **QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS**

a) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 52(1)

Nominated Senator (Sen. Essy Okenyuri Nyaituga, MP), pursuant to Standing Order No. 52(1), made a Statement on her participation, alongside Sen. Betty Montet, in the 126th National Business League Annual Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The Conference, hosted in partnership with the National Alliance for Black Business, brought together business leaders, policymakers, investors, entrepreneurs and Chamber of Commerce representatives from the USA, Africa, the Caribbean and beyond to discuss enterprise, innovation, ownership and global trade.

She informed the Senate that discussion focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI), access to capital, supplier development, entrepreneurship, job creation, women-led enterprises and international trade, with emphasis on enabling businesses to adopt technology, access markets and compete in regional and global value chains.

She underscored the need to strengthen business ecosystems through affordable finance, skills, technology, market information, mentorship and networks, particularly for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which support millions of livelihoods but remain largely informal. She further stressed the need to ensure that MSMEs, youth and women-led enterprises benefit from AI and Kenya's digital transformation through investment in digital skills and access to technology.

The Senator also highlighted the importance of enterprise ownership and economic empowerment, commending the "Connecting a Million Women in Trade" initiative under the Women's Global Trade Accelerator, which supports women-led businesses through trade intelligence, capacity building, financing, technology and policy advocacy. She called for deliberate measures to connect women entrepreneurs to finance, technology, networks and export opportunities.

In conclusion, the Senator identified four priorities for Kenya: supporting enterprises to survive, grow and become competitive; equipping entrepreneurs, particularly youth and MSMEs, with skills to harness AI and the digital economy; strengthening market and supplier linkages to enable enterprises to meet supply-chain standards; and strengthening Chambers of Commerce and business associations as bridges between enterprises, government and international markets. She affirmed Kenya's entrepreneurial potential in agriculture, manufacturing, technology, tourism and the creative economy, and called for an enabling environment to position Kenya as a competitive producer, innovator and trading nation.

b) Statements pursuant to Standing Order 53 (1)

- i) Nominated Senator (Sen. Samson Cherarkry, MP) on behalf of Senator for Isiolo County (Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries regarding the operational status, management and long-term sustainability of the Isiolo Export Abattoir.
- ii) The Senator for Tharaka Nithi County (Sen. Mwenda Gataya Mo Fire, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Land, Environment and Natural Resources regarding the status of Kenya Water Institute, Chiakariga Campus in Tharaka Nithi County.
- iii) The Senator for Nairobi City County (Sen. Edwin Sifuna, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare regarding the delay in the operationalization of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 2025.
- iv) The Senator for Machakos County (Sen. Agnes Kavindu, MP) sought a Statement from the Standing Committee on Finance and Budget regarding the status of the matter of the appropriations Bill, 2026.

c) Statement pursuant to Standing Order 57(1)

The Senate Majority Whip issued a Statement on the business of the Senate for the week commencing Tuesday, 15th September, 2026.

10. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY REGARDING ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUPPLY CHAIN**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Energy regarding alleged irregularities in the petroleum products supply chain, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026
– Morning Sitting)
(Question to be put)***

Order deferred.

11. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ON ITS INQUIRY REGARDING THE HANDING OVER OF A COOKING GAS HANDLING FACILITY, IN MOMBASA COUNTY, TO A PRIVATE FIRM**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Energy)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Energy on its inquiry regarding the handing over of a cooking gas handling facility, in Mombasa County, to a private firm, laid on the Table of the Senate on Tuesday, 14th July, 2026.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026
– Morning Sitting)
(Question to be put)***

Order deferred.

12. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the Cooperation Agreement between the National Government and the Nairobi City County Government laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 15th July, 2026.

***(Resumption of debate interrupted on Wednesday, 9th September, 2026 – Morning Sitting)
(Division)***

Order deferred.

13. **MOTION - REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ON THE CONFERMENT OF CITY STATUS TO THIKA MUNICIPALITY**

(Chairperson, Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Report of the Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations on the conferment of City status to Thika Municipality, laid on the Table of the Senate on

Wednesday, 15th July, 2026 and, that pursuant to section 8 (6) of the Urban Areas and Cities Act, **approves** the conferment of City status to Thika Municipality.

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 30th July, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

14. **MOTION - CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION ON ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE TRAFFIC (SCHOOL TRANSPORT) RULES, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 11 OF 2026; THE TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION) RULES, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 13 OF 2026); AND THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY (OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 2026 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 14 OF 2026)**

(The Chairperson, Select Committee on Delegated Legislation)

THAT, the Senate adopts the Reports of the Select Committee on Delegated Legislation on its consideration of the –

- i) The Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 11 of 2026;
- ii) The Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 13 of 2026); and
- iii) The National Transport and Safety Authority (Operation of Commercial Vehicles) Regulations, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 14 of 2026);

laid on the Table of the Senate on Wednesday, 10th June, 2026; and that pursuant to Section 18 of the Statutory Instruments Act, the Senate resolves to **annul** the Traffic (School Transport) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 11 of 2026; the Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 13 of 2026); and the National Transport and Safety Authority (Operation of Commercial Vehicles) Regulations, 2026 (Legal Notice No. 14 of 2026).

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Thursday, 11th June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

15. **THE STREET NAMING AND PROPERTY ADDRESSING SYSTEM BILL**
(SENATE BILLS NO. 43 OF 2024)

(Sen. Fatuma Dullo, MP)

(Second Reading)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 4th August, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

16. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COUNTY GOVERNMENTS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS BILL
(SENATE BILLS NO. 8 OF 2026)

(The Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance and Budget)

(Consideration of the National Assembly amendments)

Order deferred.

17. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE PUBLIC FUNDRAISING APPEALS BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 36 OF
2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

(Resumption of debate interrupted on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2026)
(Division)

Order deferred.

18. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 3 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

19. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE SEEDS AND PLANT VARIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (SENATE
BILLS NO. 4 OF 2025)

(Sen. Ledama Olekina, MP)

Order deferred.

20. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL RECYCLING AND REUSE
BILL (SENATE BILLS NO. 5 OF 2025)

(Sen. Peris Tobiko, MP)

Order deferred.

21. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE CULTURE BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 12 OF 2024)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

22. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
BILL NO. 53 OF 2022)

(The Senate Majority Leader)

Order deferred.

23. **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION
(AMENDMENT) BILL (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS NO. 66 OF 2023)

(Sen. Crystal Asige, MP, Co-Sponsor)

Order deferred.

24. **THE LIVESTOCK PROTECTION AND SUSTAINABILITY BILL (SENATE**
BILLS NO. 32 OF 2024)

(Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP)

Order for Second Reading Read

Motion made and Question proposed;

THAT, the Livestock Protection and Sustainability Bill (Senate Bills No. 32 of 2024) be now Read a Second Time.

(Sen. (Dr.) Lelegwe Ltumbesi, MP)

Debate interrupted on Wednesday, 5th August, 2026 resumed;

25. **QUORUM OF THE SENATE**

Rising on a Point of Order pursuant to Standing Order 41, the Nominated Senator (Sen. Hezena Lemaletian, MP), drew the attention of the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) to the fact that there was no quorum in the Senate;

And the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) having counted the Senators present and confirmed that there was no quorum in the Senate, ordered the quorum bell to be rung for ten minutes;

And there being no Quorum after the expiry of ten minutes, the Temporary Speaker (Sen. Veronica Maina, MP) adjourned the Sitting at ten minutes past Five O'clock pursuant to Standing Order 41(2)(a) without Question put.

26. **SENATE ROSE** – at ten minutes past Five O'clock.

M E M O R A N D U M

*The Speaker will take the Chair on
Tuesday, September 15, 2025 at 2:30 pm*

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